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### Subpart A—General Provisions

#### § 332.101 General policy of competition.

(a) Examinations for entrance into the competitive service shall be open competitive, except that OPM may authorize noncompetitive examinations when sufficient competent persons do not compete.

(b) An examination for promotion, demotion, reassignment, transfer, or reinstatement may be a noncompetitive examination.

#### § 332.102 Definitions.

In this part:

(a) *Certificate* means a list of eligibles from a register submitted to an appointing officer so that he may consider the eligibles for appointment.

(b) *Active military duty* means active duty in full pay status in the Armed Forces of the United States, including an initial period of active duty for training.

#### § 332.103 Filling certain postmaster positions.

(a) When a vacancy occurs or is about to occur in a postmaster position in a fourth-class post office and the posi-

tion involves fewer than 7 daily hours of service, a representative of the U.S. Postal Service shall visit the locality and, after due public notice has been given, accept applications from interested persons. The representative shall establish a register based on the qualifications and suitability of each applicant and on his ability to provide proper facilities for transacting the business of the office. The U.S. Postal Service shall submit to OPM for postaudit one copy of the representative's report showing the qualifications of all applicants, the basis for ranking the eligibles, and the selection of an eligible from the register. The report shall be accompanied by the applications of all applicants. A person selected for appointment from such a register may be appointed after the date the postmaster position is determined to involve 7 or more daily hours of service only with the prior approval of OPM.

(b) When making an appointment from a register established under paragraph (a) of this section, the appointing officer shall select an eligible in accordance with §§ 332.404 through 332.407.

(c) When OPM, after holding two examinations, is unable to secure a complete certificate of three eligibles for a postmaster position involving 7 or more daily hours of service, it may authorize the establishment of a register and selection therefrom in accordance with paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section.

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### Subpart B [Reserved]

### Subpart C—Period of Competition and Eligibility

#### GENERAL

#### § 332.301 Termination of eligibility.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, a person's eligibility on a register is terminated when:

(1) He accepts a career or career-conditional appointment from the register; or

(2) OPM terminates the eligibility of all persons on the register.

(b) OPM may determine that in particular types of cases eligibility may

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not be terminated in less than 1 year. OPM shall publish the conditions under which eligibility may not be terminated in less than 1 year.

[33 FR 12426, Sept. 4, 1968, as amended at 66 FR 66710, Dec. 27, 2001]

#### ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS AFTER CLOSING DATE OF EXAMINATIONS

### § 332.311 Quarterly examinations.

(a) A 10-point preference eligible is entitled to file an application at any time for an examination for any position for which OPM maintains a register, for which a register is about to be established, or for which a non-temporary appointment was made in the preceding three years. For the purposes of this paragraph OPM shall hold an examination not later than the quarterly period succeeding that in which the application is filed.

(b) When there is no appropriate existing register, OPM may establish special registers containing the names of eligibles from the quarterly examinations authorized by paragraph (a) of this section, together with the names of eligibles described in § 332.322, and use these registers for certification to fill appropriate vacancies.

[35 FR 414, Jan. 13, 1970, as amended at 41 FR 22549, June 4, 1976]

### § 332.312 Applicants in military or overseas service.

Subject to the time limits and other conditions published by OPM in its operating manuals, the following persons are entitled to file applications for open competitive examinations after the closing date for receipt of applications when there is an existing register or a register about to be established:

(a) A person who could not file an application during the filing period, or appear for an assembled examination, because of military service, or hospitalization continuing for 1 year or less following discharge from military service;

(b) An employee of the Federal Government who, as a member of a reserve unit of the military service, could not file an application during the filing period, or appear for an assembled examination, because of active duty beyond 15 days with the military service even

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though the duty is designated for training purposes; and

(c) A United States citizen who could not file an application during the filing period, or appear for an assembled examination, because of overseas service with a Federal agency or with an international organization in which the United States Government participates.

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### § 332.313 Preference eligibles separated from competitive positions.

The following persons are entitled to have their names entered on an appropriate existing register in the order prescribed by § 332.401 if they were last employed under career or career-conditional appointments:

(a) A preference eligible who is declared eligible therefor after appeal from furlough or discharge; and

(b) A preference eligible who has been furloughed or separated without delinquency or misconduct and who applies within 90 days after furlough or separation.

### § 332.314 [Reserved]

#### RESTORATION OF ELIGIBILITY

### § 332.321 Preference eligibles who resigned from competitive positions.

A qualified preference eligible who resigned without delinquency or misconduct from career or career-conditional employment is entitled to have his name reentered on each register on which his name formerly appeared (or on a successor register) if he applies within 90 days after separation.

### § 332.322 Persons who lost eligibility because of military service.

(a) A person who lost a period of eligibility on a register because he has served on active military duty since June 30, 1950, is entitled to have his name restored to that register or a successor register when he meets the following conditions:

(1) He has not served more than four years following the date of his entrance on active military duty, exclusive of any additional service imposed pursuant to law. The date of entrance on